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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	56190	Agenda Number	40.
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Meeting Date:	4/21/2016	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Community Development Program, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, (512) 974-3182.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	April 12, 2016 - the Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these HUD grants, the City must submit an annual Action Plan that provides an overview of the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services.

The requested action is to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth procedures for citizen participation in the development of each annual Action Plan. The CPP is a community developed plan – required by HUD – that is designed to encourage participation of city residents in the development of the annual Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include four total public hearings during the formation of the Action Plan: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a 30-

day comment period on the draft Action Plan.

The two initial public hearings are conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC was conducted on April 12, 2016, and the public hearing before the Austin City Council is scheduled on April 21, 2016.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program will be made available for public comment on or before May 23, 2016. During the 30-day comment period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive input on the draft plan, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. It is anticipated that the Austin City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Community Development Program on August 4, 2016 prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 15, 2016.